



# CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Richfield, Minnesota

## Special City Council Worksession

February 17, 2015

### CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro Tempore Fitzhenry at 7:31 p.m. in the Bartholomew Room.

*Council Members Present:* Tom Fitzhenry, Mayor Pro Tempore; Michael Howard; and Pat Elliott.

*Council Members Absent:* Debbie Goettel, Mayor; and Edwina Garcia.

*Staff Present:* Steven L. Devich, City Manager; Kristin Asher, Assistant Public Works Director; Jay Henthorne, Public Safety Director; John Stark, Community Development Director; Pam Dmytrenko, Assistant City Manager; Jeff Pearson, Transportation Engineer; and Theresa Schyma, Deputy City Clerk.

<b>Item # 1</b>	<b>DISCUSSION REGARDING 66<sup>TH</sup> STREET INTERSECTIONS (COUNCIL MEMO NO. 13)</b>
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Assistant Public Works Director/City Engineer Asher and Transportation Engineer Pearson discussed intersection options along 66<sup>th</sup> Street at Lyndale Avenue, Nicollet Avenue and I-35W interchange with roundabouts and pedestrian activated warning devices at crosswalks. Discussion included the roundabout performance in Norway, Australia, San Diego CA and Carmel, IN specifically related to pedestrians and bicyclists and an update was given regarding responses from property owners, community groups, public agencies and various Richfield advisory commissions.

Council Member Elliott believes that classifying 66<sup>th</sup> Street as a “reliever” is incorrect because many cars travel this 3 mile road simply to avoid using Highway 62/Crosstown because it does not work.

Maury Hooper, Hennepin County, stated that 66<sup>th</sup> Street is a County road that is classified as a “reliever” because it does serve the greater Hennepin County area and that is why federal funding is received.

Council Member Fitzhenry stated the concern regarding the potential roundabout at the I-35W intersection is losing left-turn access to Emerson Avenue when going east on 66<sup>th</sup> street. Cars will now have to do a full U-turn and that creates a safety issue.

Council Member Fitzhenry inquired as to whether or not there would be a delay in the project if the Council decided against roundabouts.

Mr. Hooper stated that the only thing that would delay the project would be a delay in the decision by Council.

Council Member Elliott inquired as to if the choice is all or nothing - all roundabouts or all signaled intersections.

Mr. Hooper responded that a decision for each intersection is separate.

<b>ADJOURNMENT</b>
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The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 8:32 p.m.

Date Approved: March 10, 2015

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Tom Fitzhenry  
Mayor Pro Tempore

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Theresa Schyma  
Deputy City Clerk

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Steven L. Devich  
City Manager